

## House Resolution No. 2740

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that have proven down through the years to be exemplary places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

**Whereas**, on June 7, 2008, the city of DeSoto, Missouri, will turn out for a dedication of the DeSoto Railroad Employees Memorial located on land at the north-end crossing by Fountain City Road; and

**Whereas**, overseen by the Memorial committee, the DeSoto Railroad Employees Memorial design evolved over time thanks in large measure to the contributions of local artists and craftsmen, including Bill DeClue, Debbie Boyle, Maxine Jinkerson, Charles Campbell, Ed Boyer, and Tom Parker; and

**Whereas**, the DeSoto Railroad Employees Memorial Board consists of president Cathy Roop, vice-president Bev Wilson, secretary Ursula Sellers, treasurer Mark Wilson, and members Eddie Boyer, Rosemary Koch, Stanley "Dink" Dugan, Mary Ganninger, Charles Koch, Herman "Dutch" Koch, Gwen Lewis, Wayne Nees, Marvin Jinkerson, Bonnie Rieffer, and David Rogers; and

**Whereas**, the railroad has played a significant role in the community of DeSoto since 1857, and today's Memorial reflects the importance of railroad employees--past, present, and future--to the vitality of the town and its environs; and

**Whereas**, down through the years DeSoto has been home to the Saint Louis Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, the Missouri Pacific railroad, and the Union Pacific railroad; and

**Whereas**, city founders Thomas Fletcher and James Rankin proposed to build a railroad station in 1858, an offer that was accepted by the Saint Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad; and

**Whereas**, the current Union Pacific freight car shop in DeSoto is the town's largest employer and is the company's largest shop:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and goals of the DeSoto Railroad Employees Memorial and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful dedication ceremony on June 7, 2008; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the DeSoto Railroad Employees Memorial.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joseph Fallert, Jr.  
District No. 104

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2740, adopted May 7, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker